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SUBJ: OPIC VISIT TO SWAZILAND

DEPT FOR OPIC: MAYS AND MC CALLUM

1. ASIDE FROM THE POSSIBLE CATTLE OPPORTUNITIES IN BOTSWANA, IT WOULD APPEAR THE BEST BET FOR SHORT TERM COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT WOULD BE SWAZILAND. HENCE MY OMISSION IN GOING THERE MIGHT BE REMEDIABLE. IMPORTANT THAT HENDERSON AND I GO TOGETHER TO BOTSWANA THURSDAY DEC. 12. HENDERSON PLANS TO STAY INTO NEXT WEEK IN BOTSWANA. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR HER THEN TO GO TO SWAZILAND WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ANOTHER THREE OR FOUR DAYS BECAUSE OF FLIGHT SCHEDULES. DO NOT KNOW HER WASHINGTON COMMITMENTS. APPRECIATE AUTHORITY TO SEND HER THERE IF CONSULTATION WITH MC CALLUM AND PARNELL INDICATES SHE HAS NO WASHINGTON COMMITMENTS. I THINK IT IMPORTANT FOR ME TO RETURN OVER TIS WEEKEND TO BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. APPRECIATE CABLING ME GABORONE 12 OR 13 DEC. YOUR THINKING.

2. RE OUR PRIOR DISCUSSION ABOUT CONTACTING SELECTED US FIRMS WITH INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO CONSIDER EXPANSIONS INTO BLS WITH OPIC ASSISTANCE, IF CONGEN JOHANNESBURG WISHES ANY INPUT INTO MATTER, SUGGEST UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMERCIAL REP MEET ME DEC. 11 MIDDAY PLANE FROM

MASERU, OR AT JAN SMUTS HOLIDAY INN LATER IN DAY.

3. AM FEELING PRETTY WELL. MAJOR PROBLEM IS
MALARIA SHOT PRODUCED HUGE LUMP ON REAR MAKING
IT DIFFICULT TO SIT, WALK, AND WEAR PANTS.
PLEASE NOTIFY WIFE.
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